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COLTSVILLE NATIONAL PARK BILL PASSES MAJOR HURDLE

Washington, DC – Congressman John B. Larson (*CT-01*) announced today that his legislation to create a national park at the historic Coltsville site in Hartford passed a major hurdle today. The legislation, HR 5131, The Coltsville National Historical Park Act, won the approval of the Natural Resources Committee of the House of Representatives.

“Today, the Committee on Natural Resources gave their stamp of approval to our plan for creating a national park at Coltsville. This vote brings our dream of a national park there one step closer to reality” said

Congressman Larson.

“Establishing Coltsville as a National Historical Park will help preserve our unique history for future generations, boost the local economy by creating jobs and attracting more cultural tourism.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their help in this effort and look forward to bringing the legislation to a vote on the floor of the House so we can move ahead with our plans.”

Located in the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood in Hartford, The Coltsville Historic District is a 260-acre site which includes Samuel and Elizabeth Colt's house “Armsmear”, the Colt armory's 10 historic industrial buildings, the Church of the Good Shepherd and Parish House, Colt Park, and several other structures associated with the history of the company and the Colt

family.

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